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SUBJ: CECAF SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERY DEVELOPMENT MEETING-
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SUMMARY: SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED, WITH MINOR MODIFICATIONS, PROJECT PROPOSAL. IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS FACETS NOT DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. INSISTANCE ON PROGRESS REPORTS ON REGULAR BASIS TO CECAF MEMBERS. SC TO HOLD MEETINGS ON ALTERNATE YEARS OF COMMISSION MEETING TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND REPORT FROM PROJECT LEADER. IN ADDITION TO UNDP FINANCIAL SUPPORT FAO EXPECTS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND OTHER NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

JOINT VENTURE SESSION LIVELIEST. COASTAL COUNTRIES WITH POOR RESOURCES ANXIOUS TO FORM JV WITH RESOURCE RICH COUNTRIES. MANY NON COASTAL COUNTRIES ALREADY OR PLANNING TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE DIFFICULT.

1. BAYAGBONA OF NIGERIA REFUSED TO ACCEPT CHARIMANSHIP OF SC
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BECAUSE OF BEING CHM OF CECAF COMMISSION. DIA OF SENEGAL

SELECTED. SIERRA LEONE, MAURITANIA AND NORWAY SELECTED FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD VICE CHAIMENT. DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWED ON FISHING EFFORTS BY THE VARIOUS COASTAL AND NON-COASTAL COUNTRIES. JAPAN SAID THEY HAVE A LONG ESTABLISHED FISHERY FOR SEA BREAM AND CEPHALOPODS. SIXTY JAPANESE VESSELS CURRENTLY WORKING OFF NW AFRICA. DESPITE FAO'S REPORT OF DEPLETED STOCKS NORWAY'S ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF PELAGIC FISH REMAINS CONSTANT. MANY ADVERSE COMMENTS FROM AFRICANS REGARDING NON COASTAL COUNTRIES CATCHING 70 PERCENT OF TOTAL CATCH. POLAND'S PRODUCTIONS DECLINED 25 PER CENT IN 1973 AS COMPARED TO 1972. THIS DECLINE DUE TO EXTENDED FISHING LIMITS OF COASTAL STATES. BETTER STATISTICAL DATA INDICATES SIERRA LEONE'S PRODUCTION HAS BEEN UNDER ESTIMATED. NIGERIA NEEDS TO INCREASE PRODUCTION BY FISHING OFF FOREIGN SHORES.

2. CECAF DOCUMENT 74/5 ADOPTED AFTER MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES. FUNDING BY UNDP ADEQUATE FOR ONLY MINIMUM STAFF REQUIREMENTS. FAO EXPECTS ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND/OR ASSISTANCE, WILL COME FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS. NORWEGIAN DELEGATE SAID HIS COUNTRY WILL GIVE 200,000 DOLLARS PER YEAR TO PROJECT. JAPAN, POLAND, KOREA AND CANADA AGREED THEY WILL PROVIDE VARIOUS SERVICES; E. G. MANPOWER, TRAINING, RESEARCH VESSEL TIME ETC. DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED LATER. GABON AND CAMEROON EXPRESSED CONCERN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WILL EMPHASIZE EFFORT IN NW AFRICA AT THE EXPENSE OF CENTRAL AFRICA.

3. ACCRA AND DAKAR OFFERED AS SITES FOR HEADQUARTERS OF PROJECT. LACK OF GHANIAN DELEGATIONS AND FAO OBJECTION TO PLACING IT IN FAO REGIONAL HDQTS ELIMINATED ACCRA. DAKAR SELECTED. INTERESTING BUT CLOUDY SITUATION DEVELOPING ON SELECTION OF PROJECT LEADER. CHOICE OF DAKAR SEEMINGLY ELIMINATES DIOP. OTHER AFRICAN CANDIDATES FROM NIGERIA, SIERRA LEONE AND GHANA APPARENTLY NOT INTERESTED. THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE CHOICE OF A NON-AFRICAN INCREASES BECAUSE OF ABOVE AND THE DESIRE TO HAVE AN IMPARTIAL, NON CONTROVERSIAL PROJECT LEADER; ALTHOUGH THERE REMAINS WITHIN AFRICAN DELEGATIONS STRONG SUPPORT FOR AN AFRICAN PROJECT LEADER. FAO TO MAKE FINAL SELECTION.

4. MOST INTENSE DISCUSSIONS DEVELOPED OVER JOINT VENTURE PAPER. ALTHOUGH CECAF 74/6 GENERALLY CRITICIZED FOR LACK OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPTH. FAO PROMISED A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT FOR CECAF COMMISSION MEETING. SENEGAL AND MOROCCO GAVE LONG DISSERTATIONS ON THEIR WILLINGNESS TO BECOME PARTNERS IN JOINT VENTURES. CONSIDERED FASTEST WAY TO DEVELOP NATIONAL FISHERIES, AND BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. IN SENEGAL NATIONAL GOVT. MUST BE A PARTNER, IN MOROCCO THIS NOT NECESSARY. GUARANTEES GIVEN TO FOREIGN PARTNERS NOT TO SEIZE THEIR INVESTMENTS, THE RIGHT TO TRANSFER FUNDS. MOROCCO WILLING TO EXTEND CREDIT FOR

10 YEARS AT 4 PERCENT INTEREST AND WILL ADVANCE UP TO 30 PERCENT TOWARDS VESSELS CONSTRUCTED IN MOROCCO. GREAT INTEREST BY BOTH COASTAL AND NON-COASTAL COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH SEVERAL COUNTRIES ALREADY NEGOTIATING INDICATED LONG, HARD DISCUSSIONS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT.

5. NEXT CEEAF COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD AT FAO HDQTRS IN ROME FROM OCT 8-12, 1974.

6. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS, DRAFT REPORT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ENROUTE VIA POUCH.
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